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SUBJ: IAEA REPRESENTATION AT NPT PREPCOM SECOND SESSION

1. AGENCY SECRETARIAT HAS ADVISED US INFORMALLY OF STAFF MEMBERS WHO WILL REPRESENT AGENCY AT SECOND SESSION OF PREPCOM FOR NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 6. LEV ISSAEV, CHIEF OF AGENCY LIAISON OFFICE AT UN IN NEW YORK, AND MRS. MERLE OPELZ OF AGENCY LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA, WILL BOTH BE PRESENT FOR FULL SESSION. RUDOLF ROMETSCH (SWITZERLAND), INSPECTOR GENERAL (I.E., HEAD OF IAEA DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION), OLIVER LLOYD (UK) ACTING DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND HARRY OTWAY (US) OF DIVISION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WILL BE EITHER PRESENT IN GENEVA OR HELD ON DECK IN VIENNA PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO GENEVA IF NEEDED TO BE PRESENT WHEN PREPCOM IS CONSIDERING SUBJECT OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THEM.

2. GENERALLY, IG ROMETSCH WILL DEAL WITH MATTERS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENCY SAFEGUARDS PURSUANT ARTICLE III OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TREATY, LLOYD WITH MATTERS RELATING TO PROVISION OF ASSIST-

ANCE BY AGENCY IN PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN CONNECTION WITH ARTICLE IV, AND OTWAY WITH MATTERS DEALING WITH PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND AGENCY ACTIVITIES RELATING TO ARTICLE V.

3. COMMENT: ISSAEV AND OPELZ WILL BE KNOWN TO USMISSION GENEVA AND TO PREPCOM DEL, AS BOTH ALSO REPRESENTED AGENCY AT FIRST SESSION LAST APRIL. ROMETSHC IS HIGHLY COMPETENT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE IN SAFEGUARDS FIELD. LLOYD IS LONG-TIME AGENCY EMPLOYEE IN TA DIVISION; HIS ONLY LACK IS SOMETHING LESS THAN FULL AND EASY FAMILIARITY WITH AGENCY PROGRAMS OTHER THAN DIRECT PROVISION OF GRANT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S THROUGH AGENCY PROGRAMS FOR THIS PURPOSE -- AS LATTER WILL PROBABLY BE GREATEST PART OF ANY DISCUSSION OF ISSUE WHICH MAY ARISE, HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT PROVE TOO MUCH OF A PROBLEM (COMPETENCE IN OTHER AREAS OF AGENCY ASSISTANCE IS SO WIDELY DIFFUSED IN SECRETARIATE THAT IT WOULD BE ALMOST HOPELESS TO FIND SOME OTHER INDIVIDUAL HAVING FULL FAMILIARITY WITH GENERAL SUBJECT). OTWAY HAS BEEN AGENCY STAFF MEMBER DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH PNE'S FOR PAST TWO YEARS, AND HIS MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT WAS SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL BACKSTOPPING FOR AGENCY PANEL WHICH DEVELOPED PROCEDURES FOR AGENCY RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR ITS SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH PNE PROJECTS (BEING TRANSMITTED USUN AND GENEVA BY AIRGRAM). ALL THREE ARE READILY APPROACHABLE BY US OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH LLOYD HAS A VERY ABRUPT MANNER OF SPEAKING WHICH TENDS TO GIVE OPPOSITE IMPRESSION, AT TIMES, ON FIRST MEETING.
END COMMENT.

4. FOREGOING NAMES HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED BY CABLE FROM AGENCY TO SYG SPECREP TO CCD PASTINEN.

5. IN LIGHT HIS OTHER COMMITMENTS, ROMETSCH HOPES THAT PREPCOM WILL COMPLETE DISCUSSION ARTICLE III DURING WEEK AUGUST 26. MISSION URGES AGENDA BE SO ARRANGED. PORTER

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